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Chief of Foreign Division 2

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Background Information Arab Organizations for Guerrilla and Terrorist Action in Palestine

Ref.: 100-2074, 20 41264, Cairo's 64-173

Attachment: Transmitted reporting 20 30437, 30444, 30446

1. Cairo has already received 100-2074 and 20 41264 which provided some information on reported plans for recruitment and training of Palestinian refugees for guerrilla and terrorist activities. The attached disseminated reports will provide further background on this development and on one of the participants involved. Reports that the reported have referred to guerrilla and terrorist groups being formed under a variety of names, viz.: "The Arab Front", "The Arab Front for the Liberation of Palestine", "The Arab Front for the Liberation of Palestine", etc. It is noted that the reported are also active in the Middle East. It is to be noted that these titles apply to very different movements, or whether one or two movements may be known under different names among different individuals. The reported will organization of one of these groups would make the latter particularly sensitive.

2. Report 20 41264 indicated that Hafez Hany and Ibrahim al-Kayyat, both of whom have been connected with guerrilla organization activities, travelled to Cairo in mid-May to confer with Grand Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husseini. There is evidence of communist participation in at least one movement, "The Fighting Committee for Guerrilla Action". One of its leaders of the latter is Mohamed al-Husseini who has a communist record. Communist promotion of Arab guerrilla and terrorist action would be in harmony with the theory that any movement which promotes violence and instability in the Middle East is to the present advantage of the Soviet Union.

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3. [] has already queried [] (OB-173) on the current activities of the Grand Mufti and has alluded to visits reportedly paid the Mufti by suspect individuals of varying stripes: Soviet, Lebanese, Syrian and Lebanese secret society members. [] reply to this query is awaited with interest.

4. It might also be possible to sound out [] on the subject, remembering that his family is related by marriage to the Husayni family. If [] is in an expansive mood, he might be willing to tell what he may know of the Mufti's current activities. It would be best not to indicate to [] however, that we are aware that plans for guerrilla action have reached the recruitment stage or that we have identified some of the leaders.

5. In a letter written from London to his employers, [] said he had information that during the coming summer the Arab refugees would start a mass movement back to their homes and would continue to advance even if fired upon by the Israelis. [] thought that this might lead to a removal of hostilities between Israel and the Arab States. Although a mass return of the refugees in the face of Israeli guns seems unlikely in view of their precipitous advance in the opposite direction in 1948, it is possible, that [] has received information which will tie in with the reports received from [] and []. If [] is approachable, a query on this subject might fit another piece or two into the over-all picture.

6. Since [] and [] are following the guerrilla organization preliminaries in their areas, it is requested that they be furnished copies of [] reports on the subject.

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